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SUBJ: TURKISH PAPER ON NATO AEGEAN COMMAND STRUCTURE

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF TURKISH PAPER ENTITLED, "NATO AIR
AND NAVAL COMMAND STRUCTURE AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE
SOUTHEASTERN FLANK", WHICH WAS HANDED TO MSA COUNSELOR DURING
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AUGUST 24 CALL ON GUN GUR, (DIRECTOR, MFA'S NATO AFFAIRS
SECTION) TO DISCUSS TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS GREEK REINTE-
GRATION INTO NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE (SEPTTEL). OUR UNDER-
STANDING IS THAT TURKISH PAPER WHICH IS HISTORICAL PRESENTA-
TION OF TURKISH DISAGREEMENT WITH PRE-1974 ARRANGEMENTS AND
PRESENT GREEK PROPOSALS, HAS BEEN SENT TO TURKISH NATO REP
FOR HIS USE AT BRUSSELS, BUT THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN GIVEN

TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES. GUN GUR SUGGESTED THAT THE PAPER WOULD SERVE AS BACKGROUND NOTES AND TALKING POINTS FOR A CONCERTED TURKISH DIPLOMATIC EFFORT AIMED AT DISPLAYING TURKISH CONCERNS TO OTHER NATO MEMBERS.

2. THE PAPER HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS NATO SECRET BY THE TURKS AND SHOULD BE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

BEGIN TEXT

NATO AIR AND NAVAL COMMAND STRUCTURE
AND
CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK

I. NAVAL ARRANGEMENTS AS THEY PREVAILED BEFORE AUGUST 1974.

1. PURSUANT TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DOCUMENT MC38/3, THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON DECEMBER 16, 1952, APPROVED THE CREATION OF THE POST OF A COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN (CINCMED OR CINAFMED). CINCMED WAS TASKED WITH THE DEFENCE OF THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BLACK SEA.

2. ACCORDING TO MC 38/3;

"(A) CINCMED IS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO SACEUR.

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(B) THE MEDITERRANEAN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO AREAS FOR THE EXERCISE OF THOSE FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE OF LOCAL OR NATIONAL NATURE.

(C) THE COMMANDERS OF THESE AREAS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO CINCMED FOR ALL ALLIED TASKS BUT WILL BE UNDER THEIR OWN NATIONAL AUTHORITIES FOR THOSE TASKS WHICH ARE STRICTLY NATIONAL IN CHARACTER, SUBJECT TO THE NECESSARY COORDINATION BY CINCMED, AND

(D) SACEUR IN COORDINATION WITH CINCMED AND THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, WILL DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TO THE STANDING GROUP DELINEATION OF THE AREAS".

3. TWO YEARS LATER, IN 1954, THE COUNCIL IN PERMANENT SESSION THROUGH C-M(54)63, APPROVED STANDING GROUP MEMORANDUM NO SGM-523-54 AND ACTIVATED THE HEADQUARTERS OF SIX ALLIED AREA COMMANDS SUBORDINATE TO CINAFMED. TWO OF THESE AREA COMMANDS WERE NAMED;

A) MEDNOREAST (NORTH EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WITH HEADQUARTERS IN ANKARA, AND

B) MEDEAST (EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN) WITH HEADQUARTERS IN ATHENS.

4. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT INTERNATIONAL STATUS BE CONFERRED ON THESE HEADQUARTERS AND THAT THEY BE SUPPORTED BY THE NATION WHICH SUPPORTS THE LARGER NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS (I.E. TURKISH NAVAL FORCES' COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN THE CASE OF TURKEY AND GREEK NAVAL FORCES COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN THE CASE OF GREECE) WITHIN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL BE LOCATED.

5. IN RESPONSE TO THE TASKING ESTABLISHED BY MC-38/3, TO WHICH PARAGRAPH 2(D) ABOVE REFERS, DOCUMENT MC-38/4 DATED JANUARY 17, 1957 DELINEATED THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, INTER ALIA, BETWEEN MEDEAST AND MEDNOREAST IN THE AEGEAN SEA. ACCORDING TO THIS DOCUMENT ALL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN, INCLUDING OPEN SEA AREAS, REMAINING OUTSIDE TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS ARE GIVEN TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
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MEDEAST, WHEREAS MEDNOREAST IS ACCORDED RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BLACK SEA AND SOLELY WITHIN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN AND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

6. CINCAFMED WAS DISESTABLISHED IN 1967 AND CINCSOUTH UNDERTOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE SOUTHERN REGION, INCLUDING THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BLACK SEAS. CINCSOUTH HAS TWO NAVAL PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS (PSC) ONE OF WHOM IS COMNAVSOUTH. THE LATTER EXERCISES COMMAND NOT DIRECTLY, BUT THROUGH HIS SIX SUBORDINATE AREA COMMANDERS. BEFORE AUGUST 1974, MEDEAST WAS ONE OF SUCH AREA COMMANDERS.

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7. THE COMMAND BOUNDARIES FOR MEDEAST AND MEDNOREAST AS CONTAINED IN MC-38/4 WERE NOT ONLY DRAWN UP AT A TIME (1959) WHEN THE NATURE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE THREAT WAS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT IS TODAY AND THUS THESE BOUNDARIES HAVE BECOME ANTIQUATED, BUT ALSO PRACTICE FROM 1957 TO 1974 HAS UNMISTAKABLY PROVED THAT THEY ARE MILITARILY UNWORKABLE, INFLEXIBLE AND A CONTINUOUS SOURCE OF FRICTION.

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8. INDEED IN 1969, UNDER A REVIEW OF MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION IN THE LIGHT OF MC-14/3, SHAPE FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE SAID COMMAND BOUNDARIES:

"A) THE RIGIDITY OF THE PRESENT AREA BOUNDARIES AND THE INABILITY OF NATO COMMANDERS TO MOVE FORCES EASILY BETWEEN AREAS IN ORDER TO MEET THE GREATEST THREAT, PREVENT THE MOST EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF FORCES (BOTH IN THE CASE OF LIMITED AGGRESSION AND IN GENERAL WAR) AND SEIOUSLY LIMIT FLEXIBILITY IN THE AREA.

"B) IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT THE AREA BOUNDARIES ARE NOT HARD AND FAST DIVIDING LINES FOR CHANGE OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL BETWEEN COMMANDERS, AND

"C) CERTAINLY, THERE SHOULD BE NO ARBITRARY GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES WHICH MIGHT INHIBIT THE MOVEMENT OF FORCES ACROSS THEM".

9. IN DECEMBER 1970, THE MILITARY COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED THE INFLEXIBILITY AND DEFICIENCIES INHERENT IN THESE COMMAND BOUNDARIES AND ASKED SACEUR "TO INITIATE A STUDY OF THE OVERALL NATO NAVAL

COMMAND STRUCTURE AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A GREATER DEGREE OF COOPERATION" AND "WITH A VIEW TO RECOMMENDING A NAVAL COMMAND STRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA WHICH OFFER IMPROVED COOPERATION".

10. THIS STUDY WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY CINCSOUTH ON BEHALF OF SACEUR WAS SUBMITTED TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE BY SACEUR ON NOVEMBER 23, 1972. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SACEUR HAD MADE TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN HIS REPORT WAS THE ENDORSEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TASK FORCE CONCEPT AS THE BEST MILITARY
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SOLUTION TO NAVAL COMMAND AND CONTROL PROBLEMS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION. BRIEFLY, THIS CONCEPT WHICH ELIMINATES AREA BOUNDARIES "IS CENTERED ON THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY (BY COMNAV SOUTH) IN TERMS OF OPERATIONAL TASKING AND IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AND ADD FLEXIBILITY TO THE OLD CONCEPT OF AREAS RESPONSIBILITY.

11. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DISCUSSED SACEUR'S REPORT ON APRIL 12, 1973 AND ALL OF ITS MEMBERS, EXCEPT GREECE, CONSIDERED THE TASK FORCE CONCEPT TO BE THE BEST SOLUTION. THE COMMITTEE, BECAUSE OF THE OPPOSITION OF GREECE WAS UNABLE TO ADOPT THE CONCEPT. IT NOTED SACEUR'S REPORT AND ASKED HIM TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES ON THE CONCEPT AND FORWARD TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HIS FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE".

12. IN 1976, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES SACEUR AGAIN PUT FORWARD THE TASK FORCE CONCEPT AS BEING THE MOST ACCEPTABLE MILITARY SOLUTION TO CONSTRAINTS ON THE FLEXIBILITY OF ALLIED FORCES OPERATING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, INCLUDING THE AEGEAN SEA. THE FLEXIBILITY MEASURE (S-20) REGARDING THIS CONCEPT WAS ADJUDGED, NOTWITHSTANDING THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE GREEK MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO THE CONTRARY BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, TO BE A MEASURE, AMONGST OTHERS, WHICH SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE ATTENTION OF DEFENCE MINISTERS. SUBSEQUENTLY, IN MAY 1977 THE DPC IN MINISTERIAL SESSION, THROUGH A REPORT ON THE FLEXIBILITY STUDIES (DPC/D(77)14) WHICH WAS SUBMITTED FOR ITS APPROVAL, GAVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO THE RESOLUTION OF NAVAL COMMAND AND CONTROL PROBLEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE CONCEPT. FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE REMITS BY BOTH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (PARAGRAPH 11 ABOVE) AND THE DPC IN MINISTERIAL SESSION ON THE TASK FORCE CONCEPT IS STILL PENDING.

13. IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING FACTS WHICH CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE HOW THE NATO NAVAL DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AEGEAN SEA BASED ON THE COMMAND BOUNDARIES APPROACH HAVE PROVEN IN PRACTICE TO BE DISADVANTAGEOUS, INFLEXIBLE AND DEFICIENT AND HOW THEY WERE OBJECTIVELY ADJUDGED BY ALL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN NATO TO HAVE
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BEEN BESET BY THESE DEFAULTS, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE ALSO TO
PUT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DOCUMENT MC 38/4 (SEE PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE)
FROM WHICH WERE BORN THE COMMAND BOUNDARIES IN QUESTION, TO THE
TEST OF THE PROCEDURAL RULES IN FORCE IN NATO.

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14. ACCORDING TO A WRITTEN OPINION GIVEN IN 1969 BY A NATO LEGAL
EXPERT: "ANY SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE WHICH MAKES CHANGES OR PARTICULARIZE GENERAL AGREEMENT

(SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAVAL BOUNDARIES IN QUESTION)
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO MC 38/3 AND SGM-523-54 (TO
WHICH PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3 ABOVE REFER) WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO AND
APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, SHOULD ALSO BE APPROVED BY THE SUPREME
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ORGAN OF THE ORGANISATION IN ORDER TO BE BINDING AND COMMIT A MEMBER
STATE.

"MC 38/4 HAS THEREFORE NOT GONE BEYOND THE RECOMMENDATION STAGE
BY THE CONSULTATIVE ORGAN, THAT BEING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE".

15. SINCE 1969, MC 38/4 REMAINS UNAPPROVED BY THE SUPREME
ORGAN OF THE ORGANISATION. I.E. NAC/DPC. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE
DOCUMENT CANNOT EVEN BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ENTERED INTO FORCE.
THEREFORE, THE AREA BOUNDARIES CONCEPT DID NOT ONLY PROVE ITSELF TO
BE MILITARILY UNWORKABLE BUT ALSO IT WAS DEVOID OF THENECESSARY
ENDORSEMENT IN ORDER TO HAVE BEEN PUT INTO PRACTICE INITIALLY.

II. AIR ARRANGEMENTS AS THEY PREVAILED BEFORE AUGUST 1974.

16. FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON
SEPTEMBER 28, 1960, OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DOCUMENT MC 54/1 ON
THE INTEGRATION OF AIR DEFENCE IN NATO EUROPE, THE AIR DEFENCE
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK WAS GIVEN TO 6.ATAF WITH
HEADQUARTERS IN IZMIR, WHICH CAME UNDER COMAIRSOUTH LOCATED IN
NAPLES. TOGETHER WITH TURKISH AIR DEFENCE FORCES, THE GREEK 28.TAF
BASED IN LARISSA OPERATED UNDER 6.ATAF.

17. SUBSEQUENTLY, COMAIRSOUTH IN ITS AIR DEFENCE MANUAL DATED
FEBRUARY 1, 1962 ESTABLISHED THE EARLY WARNING BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE
TURKISH AND GREEK AIR DEFENCE SECTORS IN THE AEGEAN SEA AT
(TWENTYSIX DEGREES TWENTY LONGITUDE EAST).

18. TWO YEARS LATER, IN 1964, UPON THE REQUEST OF GREEK MILITARY
AUTHORITIES, THE SACEUR OF THE TIME, IN A MESSAGE HE SENT TO
CINCSOUTH (DATETIME GROUP 221156 2 FEB 64 NO SH 28086) MOVED THE
ABOVE-MENTIONED BOUNDARY "TO COINCIDE WITH ATHENS FIR (FLIGHT
INFORMATION REGION) EASTERN BOUNDARY UNTIL N41-45, 3E 26-25, THENCE
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DUE NORTH. THIS CHANGE TO BECOME ACTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF
MESSAGE". THE EASTERN LIMIT OF THE ATHENS FIR IS
APPROXIMATELY THE BOUNDARY OF THE TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE
AEGEAN SEA, WHICH IS 6 MILES FROM THE TURKISH MAINLAND, BUT
EXTENDING ONLY FROM 1.5 TO 3 MILES IN MOST PLACES BECAUSE OF THE

APPLICATION OF THE MEDIAN LINE RULE IN WATERS BETWEEN TURKISH MAIN-
LAND AND ADJACENT GREEK ISLANDS.

19. PARAGRAPH 18 OF DOCUMENT MC 54/1 (TO WHICH PARAGRAPH 17
ABOVE REFERS) STIPULATES THAT "BASED ON THE AGREED ROLE AND
FUNCTION OF THE FORCES AND NATIONAL FORCE PLANS. SACEUR WILL RE-
QUIRE THAT REGIONAL COMMANDERS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NATIONAL VIEWS,
PREPARE DETAILED DEFENCE PLANS. SACEUR WILL FURTHER REQUIRE THAT
REGIONAL COMMANDERS WILL PREPARE THESE PLANS IN CONSULTATION WITH
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES CONCERNED, SUCH PLANS TO BE
SUBMITTED TO SHAPE FOR APPROVAL, WITH COPIES OF INFORMATION TO THE
APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES". IN FEBRUARY 1964, WHEN THE SAID
EARLY WARNING BOUNDARY WAS MOVED TO THE EAST BY SACEUR TO COINCIDE
WITH TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS NO PRIOR CONSULTATION WHATSOEVER WAS
CARRIED OUT WITH THE TURKISH AUTHORITIES. IT WAS A UNILATERAL
ACTION WHICH CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN LINE WITH THE REQUIRE-
MENTS LAID DOWN IN MC 54/1, PARAGRAPH 18.

20. FURTHERMORE, MC 54/1 REQUIRES THAT AN OUTLINE PLAN ON THE AIR
DEFENCE OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE BE PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL. ALTHOUGH IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IT
HAS BEEN PREPARED, SUCH A PLAN HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

21. AS WAS THE CASE WITH NATO NAVAL AREA BOUNDARIES IN THE AEGEAN
SEA THE EARLY WARNING BOUNDARY AS IT EXISTED FROM 1964 TO AUGUST
1974 BETWEEN TURKISH AND GREEK AIR DEFENCE SECTORS IN THAT SEA HAD
DEMONSTRATED IN PRACTICE ALSO BOTH THAT IT WAS NOT MILITARILY
WORKABLE AND THAT IT CONSTITUTED AN UNACCEPTABLE IMPEDIMENT TO THE
SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF A RATIONAL AIR DEFENCE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN
FLANK. THAT IT WAS ESTABLISHED ARBITRARILY WAS NOT, OF COURSE,

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THE LAST OF ITS MANY DEFICIENT FEATURES.

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III. NATO AIR AND NAVAL ARRANGEMENTS SINCE AUGUST 1974 TO DATE.

22. FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF GREECE FROM NATO'S INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE IN AUGUST, 1974, A GAP HAS BEEN CREATED REGARDING NATO AIR AND NAVAL DEFENCE ARRANGEMENTS IN SEA AREAS AND AIRSPACE REMAINING OUTSIDE GREEK TERRITORIAL WATERS AND NATIONAL AIRSPACE IN AND OVER THE AEGEAN SEA. SINCE AUGUST 1974, THERE
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EXIST NEITHER NATO COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS NOR GEOGRAPHICAL NATO COMMAND BOUNDARIES IN FORCE IN THE AEGEAN. AS OF THAT DATE, TO THE IMMEDIATE WEST OF TURKEY THERE WERE LEFT NO NATO FORCES, NOR NATO COMMANDS WHICH FORMED PART OF THE INTEGRATED MILITARY STRUCTURE OF NATO. THE EXISTING FORCES AND COMMANDS ARE PURELY AND SOLELY GREEK NATIONAL FORCES IN STATUS AND IN CHARACTER. THEREFORE, IT WOULD NOT BE PLAUSIBLE TODAY TO CONTEND THAT NATO BOUNDARIES MIGHT BE IN EXISTENCE IN THE AEGEAN SEA BETWEEN TURKISH ARMED FORCES WHICH ARE ASSIGNED TO INTEGRATED NATO COMMANDS AND GREEK ARMED FORCES WHICH ARE ONLY NATIONAL FORCES. THE ONLY BOUNDARIES EXISTING IN THE AEGEAN SEA TODAY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY ARE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL BOUNDARIES. THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NEW STATUS GREECE WILL ACQUIRE UPON HER RETURN TO THE MILITARY INTEGRATION, (AND THERE ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT HER STATUS WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT IT WAS IN PRE-1974

PERIOD) THESE BOUNDARIES MUST BE DRAWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "AGREED ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FORCES" (MC 54/1) AS REQUIRED BY NATO PROCEDURES. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE NEW COMMAND STRUCTURE AND THE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE NEW BOUNDARIES.

23. IT MAY BE ARGUED THAT THE QUESTION OF COMMAND BOUNDARIES IS BASICALLY A BILATERAL ONE AND IT SHOULD NOT THEREFORE BE EXAMINED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF NATO-GREEK NEGOTIATION. BUT THIS ARGUMENT HAS NO BASIS IN THE FACE OF NATO DOCUMENTS AND PRACTICE, SINCE THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES (WHICH ARE NOT RECOGNIZED BY TURKEY) WERE UNILATERALLY DRAWN BY A HIGHER NATO COMMANDER AND DID NOT COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

CONCLUSION:

24. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE EASTERN COAST OF THE GREEK MAINLAND
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AND THE TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE AEGEAN SEA IS APPROXIMATELY OVER 200 MILES. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TURKISH MAINLAND AND THE LIMIT OF HER TERRITORIAL WATERS IS, AS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 19 ABOVE, IN MOST PLACES BETWEEN 1.5 AND 3 MILES. THEREFORE, ANY ARRANGEMENT BASED ON AN ASSUMPTION THAT A NAVAL OR AIR DEFENCE COMPRISING ACQUISITION, IDENTIFICATION, INTERCEPTION AND ENGAGEMENT OPERATIONS COULD BE EFFECTED BY AWAITING A WARSAW PACT THREAT TO APPROACH A TERRITORY UP TO A DISTANCE OF 1.5 TO 3 MILES CANNOT IN ALL FAIRNESS BE LABELLED AS A SOUND, RATIONAL AND MILITARILY COMMENDABLE ARRANGEMENT.

25. FURTHERMORE, DUE TO THE FACT THAT AIR AND NAVAL OPERATIONS ARE INSEPARABLE, NATO ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMON AIR AND NAVAL DEFENCE OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK WILL HAVE TO BE DRAWN UP ANEW AND IN PARALLEL. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WHILE TURKEY IS PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE FORMULATION OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, SHE WILL ALSO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION THAT THE DEFENCE OF THAT FLANK, AS WELL AS THAT OF HER TERRITORY CAN BE EFFECTED THROUGH RATIONAL, FLEXIBLE AND OBJECTIVELY WORKABLE ARRANGEMENTS. END TEXT
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